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I am not a lawyer so you'll have to explain to me how forcing Microsoft to donate \$1 billion in Windows computers, Windows operating systems and Windows applications, to schools (historically an Apple stronghold) is any kind of a punishment. What will happen is that cash strapped schools will look at this \$1 billion windfall and forgo even a look at Microsofts only legit rival, Apple computers. This settlement actually does the exact opposite of what it is intended to do. It doesn't punish Microsofts monopolistic and unfair trade practices, it rewards it by giving it market share that it traditionally never had. Good job DOJ! You guys are geniuses. It just goes to show that if you have enough cash anything, including justice, is for sale in America.

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